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with reference to Figure 11, that this illumination involves Raman spectroscopy and, besides, the Examiner will note that claim 8 sets forth "a sampling beam carrying Raman or fluorescent wavelengths representative of the sample *into the probe body* through the window for analysis." (Emphasis added). In other words, even if the tissue illuminated using the Lemelson apparatus generated Raman wavelengths, the device of Figure 11 and accompanying text say nothing about wavelength *collection*. Thus, the optical energy of Lemelson goes in the opposite direction to that of Applicant.

Third, the area of Lemelson to which the Examiner points for support that "it is well known to use Raman wavelengths," is more specific than the Examiner implies. *In context*, Lemelson states that "the invention employs a computerized imaging system (such as cat scan, MRI, imaging ultrasound, imaging infrared, x-ray, UV/visible light fluorescence, Raman spectroscopy, or microwave imaging) to sense the position of an endoscopic treatment system within the body". Thus, to the extent that Lemelson does mention Raman spectroscopy, it is used for an entirely different purpose, namely, for positioning, and not for wavelength analysis. Although claims 10 and 12 stand rejected over Lemelson in view of Alfano et al. ('410), for the reasons set forth above, Lemelson does not disclose everything claimed, such that these dependent claims are allowable as well. Applicant's arguments of record regarding Alfano are also incorporated by reference.

Based upon the foregoing arguments, Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney at the telephone/facsimile numbers provided.

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